

SEED

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SEED (Charity number: 1101166) aims to:

- Provide education, board and lodgings for as long as each student is able to stay in secondary and tertiary education and offer vocational training if appropriate.
- Keep administrative costs down to an absolute minimum by using internet correspondence and volunteer workers to run the charity wherever possible.
- Improve opportunities for sustainable school development
- Facilitate correspondence between sponsors and students to enable friendships to prosper and bridge the cultural gap.

Dates for your diary

We are holding a SEED Christmas raffle

If you would like to purchase tickets please contact Julie Jenkins at julieann.jenkins@btinternet.com or Emma on 07767411284

Our next AGM will be held on Friday 2nd February 2018 at 7pm. We would love to welcome you to the meeting. If you would like details of where to meet please contact Emma on 07767 411284

We are always very grateful for donations for prizes for our bingo and fundraising evenings, as this helps us to raise even more on the night.

For more information about events please call Emma on 07767 411284

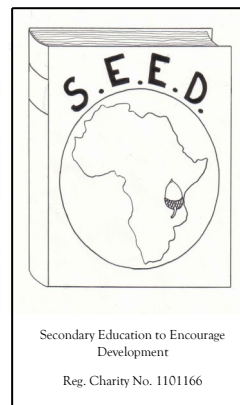
We would like to thank the following fund raisers:

Lisa and Paul Stephens

Wendy Sefton

Rosemary and David Brice for donations from their Golden Wedding Anniversary - Congratulations!

If you have fund raising ideas for SEED please do let us know!



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SEED Newsletter

Secondary Education to Encourage Development

A word from the chairman....

I am delighted to be able to bring you further positive updates about the new library and water projects funded by the money raised at the SEED Race Night earlier in the year.

Sadly, we heard that Japhet's application for a VISA has been refused for his visit this year. We are following this up as there appears to be no good reason for this. We therefore hope that he will be able to visit us in 2018.

After reporting in the last Newsletter about Lisa Stephens great achievements in the London Marathon, we were sad to hear that her husband Paul has had to miss his place in the Worcester race this September due to injury. We wish him a speedy recovery and all the best for his continued training. We would be delighted if you were able to support Paul in his next race to add to the £500 he has raised so far: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/peter-paul-stephens>

Emma Stapley

Christmas Cards and Food For All Christmas Card Scheme

It's that time of year again! We love sending Christmas Cards from sponsors to their students, it brings so much joy at this time of year. We would be delighted if you were able to send a card for us to send on to your student before **3rd November 2017**.

Food for All Christmas Card Scheme

Food For All, a bookshop in Bromyard, runs a fantastic Christmas Card Scheme each year raising money for local charities including SEED. If you live in or near Bromyard, in exchange for your donation to charity, they will display your name and Christmas Greeting in their shop window and in the local magazine, saving on paper and postage of Christmas cards to your neighbours.



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Extracts from Japhet's reports

In addition to almost daily e-mails, Japhet writes a weekly report of all the activities he has carried out for SEED. These are some of the extracts from those weekly reports.....

June: At this trip also I have managed to pass at Makambala village where Levina lives with her parents. Levina with her family were fine and they are doing well with their different activities including harvesting different crops, the purpose of passing there it was to take a new letter and photos of Levina for her new sponsor.



The second family to visit was Delifina, I managed to meet with her grandmother and her two young sisters, her grandmother she is sick for long time now. During the holiday Delifina is supposed to do all works at home, including fetching water, farm activities as well to prepare food for all family members.

This month also the government announced the post of form five, this year we have 10 students who will go to join with form five studies, 8 students they have already selected.

A project to follow: Alphabet Banners by Julie Jenkins



As you may know, the main focus for SEED is secondary education and, in particular, the three secondary schools which most of our students attend. The beginning of SEED, however, grew from Nyamihuu primary school where Emma, our chairman, worked and saw pupils with no hope of getting into secondary school due to poverty. And so SEED began, with a young boy from Nyamihuu village, Japhet Mbwilo, becoming our first student.

Nyamihuu Primary School has very few resources and so SEED supporters try to enhance them when they can. Although the staff have painted diagrams where they can, the class rooms are still very bare. We decided that we would try to brighten things up and so have begun to create alphabet banners using silk screen printing. Watch this space for an update on progress.....

Post Race Night Update

Water Pump and Library projects

Thanks to raising over £3,000 during a fabulous SEED Race Night evening at The Falcon Hotel back in May, we have been able to support two new projects one at Kiwele Secondary School and one at Kalenga Secondary School.

Kiwele Water Pump Project:



Approx £1,000 has funded a new water pump that is twice as strong as the previous pump that could not keep up with the pressure. This now means that the girls do not have to collect water from areas such as that shown left, but can use the pump to access clean water from taps—see picture right.



Kalenga Library Project - Phase One:



As you can see the current 'library' is in need of an overhaul and in fact some books! We will complete this project in phases to make it more manageable.



Phase one has seen the fitting of new secure windows, the creation of desks, tables and shelves and the purchase of a new computer. We were delighted that former SEED student, Epifanyo, was able to make the wooden furniture for the library.



There will soon be a formal opening by education officials, staff, students and Japhet.

Epifanyo's Carpentry Business

Last year one of our supporters was inspired by the story of Epifanyo, who after training in carpentry through SEED sponsorship wished to set up his own business which he envisaged would eventually be able to train and employ future SEED students.



She very generously gave her birthday money to fund the start of this project including the provision of tools and rent for the workshop. Already we have reaped the benefits of this thoughtful project as Epifanyo has helped to make tables, chairs and shelving for the library at Kalenga. We look forward to seeing this wonderful venture expand and develop.